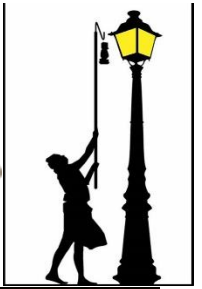




THE Lamplighter



"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE
DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS
HAS NOT OVERCOME IT."
JOHN 1:5

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LOOKING AHEAD

October

- 2nd Trustee/Board/Council Meetings
- 4th Boy Scout Carnival
- 5th Church Luncheon
- 8th AARP
- 31st Halloween

November

- 2nd Congregational Budget Meeting
- 6th Trustee/Board/Council Meetings
- 8th Church Fair
- 11th Veteran's Day
- 12th AARP
- 14th Boy Scout Radio Bingo
- 23rd Thanksgiving Sunday
- 27th Thanksgiving
- 30th First Sunday of Advent



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future.*

Pastor's Letter

To All Who Genuinely Profess Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ,

Several weeks ago, we began to focus upon the Book of Acts. Yes, the book of Acts will give us a better understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and His impact upon the church of Jesus Christ. Yet, a proper focus on the Book of Acts should also inspire evangelism within the local church.

Acts highlights the power of the Holy Spirit in the early church's evangelistic efforts, which believers can apply in their own evangelistic endeavors.

One thing that stands out about the beginnings of the NT church, is the supernatural growth that the Spirit of God brought through the life and ministry of the local church. For example, after Peter stepped forth and boldly proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ over 3000 members were added to the 120 on just that first day.

Some examples of this continual growth are found in:

Acts 2:47, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 5:14,, And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number,

Acts 6:1, Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.

Acts 6:7, The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Acts 9:31, So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

Acts 11:21, And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.

Acts 11:24, Barnabus was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

Acts 16:5, So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.

Pastor's Letter (con't)

Acts describes the dramatic impact of the gospel, showing how it changed the world and established the church. This should inspire all who call on the name of Jesus to see the potential for evangelism to change our neighborhood and beyond.

By studying the Book of Acts, believers can gain a deeper understanding of how the early church spread the gospel and can apply these lessons to their own evangelistic efforts.

My desire is to equip you with the tools to confidently share the gospel in a clear and meaning way. These tools provide opportunities to answer questions, engage in deeper discussions, and reinforce biblical truths. This section explores ten valuable tools that can aid believers in spreading the gospel effectively.

Fear and rejection are common struggles in evangelism, but they should not prevent us from fulfilling our part in the great commission. God has called every believer to share the gospel, and He provides the strength and wisdom we need to do so. By relying on His promises, praying for boldness, and taking small steps, evangelism becomes less intimidating.

We should not take rejection of the Gospel personally it is their own response to God grace. The goal is not to convince but to faithfully share the message and trust God with the results. Evangelism is an act of obedience, and every effort matters. Keep sharing the gospel with confidence, knowing that God is at work.

So, with this in mind I'd like to invite everyone who genuinely cares about the future of Immanuel Union Church to take part in learning how to share your faith with friends, family and neighbors so that God can use IUC as a Gospel light to burn brightly in Westerleigh. We will begin this during the Sunday School hour, both in person in the Parlor and on Zoom beginning on October 19th at 9 a.m.

Your Servant for Jesus' Sake,
Pastor Charlie

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Join Us Online!!



Sunday Church Service is will be via zoom at 10:00 AM. Check IUC's Facebook page for current topics. Like us on Facebook.

Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be held via zoom at 6:30 PM.

Please check out our Website as well as our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. We ask that you share the information, especially to your Facebook friends, by Liking and Reposting on Facebook. This is a great way to publicize our worship services, Bible Study and any special events coming up. We can all make a difference!

How to connect to Bible Study or the Sunday Service:

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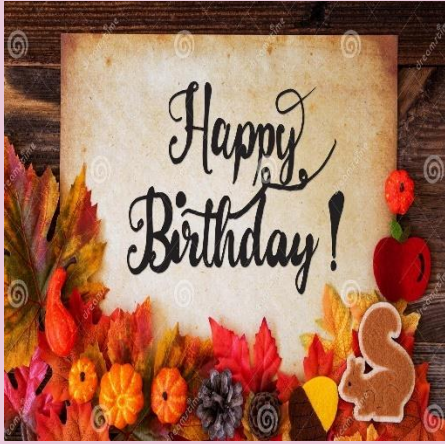
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Milestones



Birthdays

1 st	Jane Colucci Neis	24 th	James Matthius
	Christopher Latella	25 th	Liam Walsh
2 th	Gladys Thompson	30 th	Jessica McCarthy
17 th	Erica Maule		

Announcements

- To order Altar Flowers to honor or memorialize your loved ones please call the Church Office.
- Offering envelopes for 2025 are available.
- Bonnie Rogers will be mailing the Upper Room daily devotional booklets to those who are interested. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the church office.
- Electronic tithing is now available. Please visit the church's website at immanuelunion.org and click on the donate now button. You can send your donation through PayPal or use your debit/credit card. You can also donate using Venmo our user name is @ImmanuelUnion-Church.
- Information for the November Lamplighter should be submitted no later than Friday, October 24th. Information can be e-mailed to the church office at iuc1@verizon.net.

Mark Your Calendars

- November 2nd Congregational Budget Meeting
- November 8th Church Fair
- December 6th Craft and Vendor Show

❖ Anyone who would like a table(s) for the Craft or Vendor show, please contact the Church Office at 718 448-1584.

November 2nd is the Congregational Meeting to approve the budget and to present motions to be voted on regarding Church growth and the continuance of IUC.

The Church Fair is scheduled for November 8th it's not too soon to start preparing. The Fair Committee accepts donations all year so anyone wishing to drop off household and/or handmade items ahead of time are welcome to do so! We are looking forward to holding this well-known event in the community and a key part of Immanuel's heritage. Attic treasure cleanouts and donations are being accepted, as are books. Also, if you have a particular talent for hand-crafted items, please consider donating an item to the Fair. Hand-sewn, knitted, and crochet items, woodworking, painting, photography, soap making are just a few ideas. Or, consider putting together a raffle basket—these are always big sellers! And, of course, if you can volunteer some time to help with the set-up and/or be a table host at the Fair, please come out and participate in the camaraderie that has become a hallmark of Immanuel's events!

October 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Council Trustee/Board Meetings	3	4 Boy Scout Carnival
5 Sunday School 9:00 Church Service via zoom 10:00 Church Luncheon	6	7 Bible Study via zoom 6:30	8 AARP	9	10	11
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Sunday Prayer List

New

- ✝ Lyn's friend Dee- recently diagnosed with heart issue.
- ✝ Salvatore- was fired, and just pray that Ed can forgive him and he gets his life together.
- ✝ Roland's friend - Jose - has pancreatic cancer and only has till December according to the doctors. Pray for his salvation.
- ✝ Fred- his daughter wants nothing to do with him and his best friend the same.
- ✝ DonnaMarie's mom- has stopped eating and declining mentally.

Old

- ✝ Ann's Aunt Martha- for her anxiety.
- ✝ Ann's cousin Doris- fainted and fell. Waiting on tests and to have surgery.
- ✝ Dorothy- & Michael for the situation at home.
- ✝ Corey- going to see his dad who is older and he doesn't think he's a believer and he's dying.
- ✝ Alexandra- has a temp job through October- needs a full time steady job, getting interviews. In a new relationship that's going well.
- ✝ Roy- has prostate cancer. Pray for wisdom for the doctor.
- ✝ Lyn's friend- come into \$ and spending time with Jehovah's Witness.
- ✝ All of our children who don't know Jesus.
- ✝ Arthur- James the substitute organist's FIL- at Carmel in rehab. Pray he gets home soon.
- ✝ Joe- a teenager is attending Church- pray for his spiritual condition.
- ✝ Dorothy- God is holding on to her, pray for Michael her son.
- ✝ Billy - Anne's SIL having surgery in early September.
- ✝ Ginny- Sonja's friend healing from broken hip.
- ✝ Warren- Ann's brother has bleeding behind his eyes.
- ✝ Sylvia - Lyn's friend- has infection in her heart- had open heart surgery. Now in rehab.
- ✝ Eds friend Corey- looking for a Church to feel connected.
- ✝ Soon- visited Immanuel- pray that God opens his heart to the Gospel
- ✝ Margarita and Tony- waiting on a transfer to Texas. Pray it happens soon.
- ✝ Lillian- has shingles, pray for relief
- ✝ Stephen- Naomi's son pray for stability of his mental health.
- ✝ Roland's friend- Mauro is suffering from depression.
- ✝ Jennifer- asked to do a Bible Study for 8th & 9th graders. Pray she speaks with clarity and that the Holy Spirit moves hearts.
- ✝ Gerd- after the accident is doing great! Pray for continued prayer.
- ✝ Susan - Leslie's friend battling cancer.
- ✝ Tom - had minor heart attack, being sent to the City to have stents put in.
- ✝ Baby Hazel- has neuroblastoma. Pray for her family- and doctors as far as treatment. At MSK and had major surgery- pray for her recovery.
- ✝ Mauro- Roland's friend in ICU with heart problems. Pray that he has opportunities to talk about Jesus.
- ✝ Eric- Roland's best friend- has only 1 kidney and now it's not working. It's only working at 25%.
- ✝ Jennifer & Omar- pray that God reveals to them the "what's next".
- ✝ Marilyn Pederson- cancer in her ankle.
- ✝ Jimmy- Dorothy's grandson. Living with her (and Michael) but needs an apartment.
- ✝ Sonja's cousins - Michael Johnson and Ron Mazzaeo both have cancer. Pray for them, their families and the doctors for wisdom in treatments.
- ✝ Fred- Sonja & Bills friend in his recovery.
- ✝ RJ (lives in Taiwan). In a scooter accident, is recovering
- ✝ Liz Iken- at Eger. Pray for her health
- ✝ Anne Haakonsen's mom- for health and strength.

